

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

September 4, 2003

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mayor Bev Perry, City of Brea. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Mayor Bev Perry, Brea, President	District 22
Mayor Ron Roberts, Temecula, 1 st Vice President	District 5
Supervisor Hank Kuiper, Imperial County	
Supervisor Yvonne Burke, Los Angeles County	
Supervisor Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Supervisor Marion Ashley, Riverside County	
Supervisor Chirs Norby, Orange County	
Councilmember Jo Shields, Brawley	District 1
Councilmember Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Councilmember Charles White, Moreno	District 3
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Councilmember Susan Longville, San Bernardino	District 7
Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Mayor Bill Alexander, Rancho Cucamonga	District 9
Mayor Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Councilmember Cathryn De Young, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Mayor Richard Dixon, Lake Forest	District 13
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway, Newport Beach	District 14
Councilmember Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Councilmember Alta Duke, La Palma	District 18
Councilmember Richard Chavez, Anaheim	District 19
Councilmember Ron Bates, Los Alamitos	District 20
Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Councilmember Paul Bowlen, Cerritos	District 23
Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Councilmember Keith McCarthy, Downey	District 25
Councilmember Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Councilmember Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal, Long Beach	District 29
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo, Pico Rivera	District 31

Members Present – Cont'd

Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Councilmember Dick Stanford, Azusa	District 33
Councilmember Paul Talbot, Alhambra	District 34
Councilmember Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35
Councilmember Sid Tyler, Pasadena	District 36
Councilmember Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Councilmember Llewellyn Miller, Claremont	District 38
Councilmember Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs, El Segundo	District 40
Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Councilmember Bob Yousefian, Glendale	District 42
Councilmember Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Vice Mayor Toni Young, Port Hueneme	District 45
Councilmember Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Councilmember Ted Burgnon, Town of Apple Valley	District 65

Members Not Present

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky	County of LA
Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Councilmember Gary Ovitt, Ontario	District 10
Councilmember Melanie Andrews, Compton	District 26
Councilmember Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Councilmember Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Councilmember Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Councilmember Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Councilmember Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Councilmember Nate Holden, Los Angeles	District 57
Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Councilmember Nick Pacheco, Los Angeles	District 61
Councilmember Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Councilmember Jeff Miller, Corona	District 63
Mayor James Hahn, Los Angeles	At-Large
Mayor Bill Davis, Simi Valley	VCTC
Councilmember Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikrata, Acting Director, Planning & Policy
Jim Sims, Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Art Brown, City of Buena Park

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Items

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Mikels), SECONDED (Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3.1.1 Approve Minutes of July 31, 2003

3.1.2 Approval of Contracts

- Art Bauer & Associates
- Community Design + Architecture
- Meyer, Mohaddes Associates (**Tabled**)

Subregional Contracts

- Kaku Associate

Office Supply Contract

- Boise Cascade Office Products

3.1.3 Approval of Membership Fee for the Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors for 2003 in the amount Of \$5,000

3.1.4 Approval of Membership dues for CALCOG for 03-04 in the amount of \$34,861

- 3.1.5 Support Resolution 03-445-1 for the City of Pasadena \$40,000 Car Sharing Grant from the State of California
- 3.1.6 Authorization to submit grant Proposals to develop web/GIS based models for measuring air & noise pollution adjacent to Freeways
- 3.1.7 Authorization to execute Sisterhood Relationship agreement with Seoul Development Institute to promote Joint Research (Approved for agreement points only)
- 3.1.8 Approve Application for Environmental Justice Partnership Grant (Pulled)

3.2 Receive & File

- 3.2.1 Conflict of Interest
(Info Only)
- 3.2.2 Contracts & PO's between \$5,000 - \$25,000
(Info Only)
- 3.2.3 Summary of Key Issues and Actions taken by the Policy Committees in July
- 3.2.4 SCAG Legislative Matrix

3.3 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 3.3.1 Appointments

Regional Council Members to Policy Committees

To TCC: Hon. Grieg Smith, Los Angeles

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

To EEC: Hon. Mary Ann Lutz, Monrovia, representing San Gabriel Valley COG

Communication / Membership Task Force

Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount

Maglev Task Force

Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City

Goods Movement Advisory Committee

Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City

Appointments - cont/d

Benchmarks Task Force

Hon. Paul Bowlen, Cerritos
Hon. Edward "Ted" Burgnon, Apple Valley
Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach
Mona Field, Board of Trustees, Los Angeles Community College District
Hon. Susan Longville, San Bernardino
Hon. Llewellyn Miller, Claremont
Kimberly Collins, San Diego State University (Imperial Valley Campus)
Lee Hanson, California State University, San Bernardino
Christine Iger, Orange County Business Council
Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza, Environmental Defense
Dowell Myers, University of Southern California
Max Neiman, University of California, Riverside
Paul Ong, University of California, Los Angeles
Anil Puri, California State University, Fullerton
Arnold Sherwood, University of California, Berkeley

Re-Confirming Current Benchmark Members

Hon. Ronald O. Loveridge, Riverside, *Chair*
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme
Rick Bishop, Western Riverside Council of Governments
Dean Kubani, City of Santa Monica Environmental and Public Works
Todd D. Priest, Building Industry Association of Southern California
Ty Schuiling, San Bernardino Associated Governments
Arthur J. Shaw, Consulting Economist
Jim Stewart, Southern California Council on Environment and Development
Goetz Wolff, Center for Regional Employment Strategies and UCLA

The Environmental Justice Task Force appointments were tabled.

3.3.2 Off-site Meetings

President Perry presented the issue with regard to holding SCAG off-site meetings throughout the region. She recommended that SCAG not hold off-site meetings, other than the Retreat and General Assembly, in order to save on transportation, staff time, and cost. There were no objections.

3.4 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Supervisor Mikels, Ventura County, Chair, reported that the committee met for purposes of discussing filling the second vice president position. Member of the Nominating Committee are: Supervisor Paul Biane, San Bernardino County; Councilmember Jo Shields, City of Brawley; Mayor Lee Ann Garcia, City of Grand Terrace; Councilmember Dick Stanford, City of Azusa; and Councilmember Alta Duke, City of La Palma.

She stated that the committee reviewed and discussed historical information on members that have served as past presidents at SCAG. After discussions, the committee recommended that Supervisor Hank Kuiper, Imperial County, be selected as 2nd Vice President. It was noted Supervisor Kuiper, if approved by the Regional Council, will be the first county supervisor from Imperial County to serve as a SCAG officer.

It was MOVED (Brown), SECONDED (Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED selection Supervisor Kuiper as 2nd Vice President

3.5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark. Pisano noted that the report was emailed to the Regional Council by close of business on Monday, September 1, 2003. Due to time Mr. Pisano stated that he would answer questions at the end of the meeting regarding his report.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Administration Committee Report

4.1.1 Proposed Amendments to SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy

Mayor Dixon, chair, stated that the Administration Committee recommended that the Regional Council table the item so that language can be included to address employees who are laid off, or do not have their contract renewed.

It was MOVED (White), SECONDED (Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the recommendation.

4.2 Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report

4.2.1 Financial Constraint & Transportation Conformity

Mayor Garcia, Chair stated that due to the State Budget shortfall, the federal agencies released a letter requiring the affected Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to examine the Financial Plan of its Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIP) before requesting any new RTIP amendment. A document was forwarded to the Regional Council that analyzed conformity implications and the associated issue resulting from the federal action on the current 2002 RTIP and the upcoming 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). No action is required at this time. This issue was presented as an information only.

4.3 Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report

There were no action items to report on at this time.

4.4 Community, Economic & Human Development (CEHD) Report

There were no action items to report on at this time.

4.6 Communications Task Force Report

Councilmember Proo, chair, stated that SCAG's Outreach Program for Destination 2030, which is the new name for the 2004 RTP, is currently underway. Presentations are being made around the region with many more to be scheduled. She noted that members and staff are meeting with various audiences.

Regional Council members were asked to notify staff if interested in becoming presenters. Speaker notes have also been prepared for presenters.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Monthly Financial Report

Bert Becker informed the committee that all Subregions and Consultants made the deadline by providing their final invoices FY 2002-2003. The final invoice for FY 02-03 and our Statement of Expenditures was completed two days early. He also stated that SCAG is current with all bank reconciliation, closing of the books for July 03 and will continue closing on a monthly basis.

5.2 Audits Update

Bert Becker, CFO, stated that the FTA Audit called a Financial Management Oversight Audit, conducted by Deva and Associates, has given SCAG their preliminary audit findings in an exit conference. Mr. Becker categorized this audit as an A-. He noted that the final report should be received shortly.

Caltrans has been conducting an ICAP Audit the past three weeks. SCAG must have the ICAP approved before October 1, 2003 because the OWP was conditionally approved to that date on the condition SCAG provides an acceptable Finance Plan and has the ICAP Audit completed and approved.

KPMG will begin their annual financial audit of SCAG during the second week of September. This is the normal schedule and a report of the audit should be to the Committee by the December meeting.

6.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Perry appointed Mayor Dixon as chair of the Bylaws Review Committee. The purpose of the will be to review the current bylaws and bring recommended amendments to the RC for approval and forward to the General Assembly consideration.. Councilmember Young and Supervisor Mikels volunteered. However Supervisor Mikels stated would accept as long as she could participate by conference call.

7.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

7.1 Closed Session

Colin Lennard, General Counsel, stated that pursuant to California Government Code Section §54956.9(a) it was MOVED (Mikels), SECONDED (Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to enter into closed session

- HDR Appeal
Conference with Legal Counsel – anticipated litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision C §54956.9 (one potential case)
- SCAG v. HCD & BT&H
Conference with Legal Counsel - existing litigation to be heard in closed session in pursuant to California Government Code Section §54956.9(a)
- Pursuant to California Government Code Section §54957(b)
Performance Evaluation of Executive Director

The Regional Council reconvened. Mayor Perry that there was nothing to report out at this time regarding the Performance Evaluation of the Executive Director.

8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements at this time.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2003 at SCAG Offices.